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What Is Gluten?

Gluten is a protein found in the grains of wheat, rye and barley.

<u>Gluten intolerance</u> is a condition where ingesting gluten creates a variety of health problems. It embraces both CD and gluten sensitivity.

<u>Celiac Disease</u> is an autoimmune disease resulting from a reaction to gluten that destroys the villi of the small intestine.

Gluten Sensitivity is a non-celiac condition where the person reacts negatively to gluten.

Why is gluten a problem?

It is rich in the a.a glutamine and proline making it immune to complete digestion and the peptides are left intact. In a normal pop they excrete these peptides and no immune reaction occurs. 1% of the pop develops celiac disease and their villi are destroyed from the heightened immune response to gliadin. Conservatively 30-40% of the pop develops gluten sensitivity with a myriad of sx, excluding villi destruction.

Symptoms of a gluten problem:

- Depression, anxiety or mood-swings
- •Infertility/miscarriages
- •Neurological disorders
- •Headaches/Migraines
- Memory Loss
- •Unexplained chronic fatigue
- •Increased liver enzymes
- •Iron-deficiency anemia
- Osteoporosis
- Autoimmune disease

Sxs of a gluten problem

- •Craving for gluten
- Obesity
- •Diarrhea and or constipation
- •Gas, bloating, abdominal pain
- •IBS, colitis
- •Frequent canker sores
- •Dental problems
- •Psoriasis, eczema or unexplained rash
- •Hyperactivity